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HOUSE BILL 319

Short Title: In-State Tuition Equity. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Meyer, Fisher, Harrison, and Brockman (Primary Sponsors).
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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN IMMIGRANT YOUTH TO RECEIVE IN-STATE
3 TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY
4 COLLEGES IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-143.1 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 "(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person who meets all of the
8 following qualifications shall be accorded resident tuition status:

9 (1) The person received a high school diploma from a secondary or high school
10 within North Carolina or received a high school equivalency diploma within
11 North Carolina.

12 (2) The person attended North Carolina schools for a minimum of two
13 consecutive years immediately prior to high school graduation.

14 (3) If the person does not have lawful immigration status, then the person shall
15 also file an affidavit with the constituent institution or community college to
16 which the person is enrolled stating that the person has filed an application to
17 legalize his or her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he
18 or she is eligible to do so.

19 (4) The person satisfies the admission standards for the constituent institution or
20 community college to which the person applied and has secured admission
21 and enrolled as a student at the constituent institution or community college.

22 (o) Any information obtained as part of the process of applying for in-State tuition
23 pursuant to subsection (n) of this section shall be confidential and is not a public record."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019, and applies beginning with
25 the 2019-2020 academic year.

